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(SBU) Post conveyed reftel note to the Malaysian Foreign Ministry on August 23 in support of the candidacy of Michael Matheson for the International Law Commission. Polcouns followed up in an August 30 meeting with Bala Chandran Tharman, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Principal Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Political Affairs, UN Affairs and Disarmament. Bala said that Malaysia was in the process of deciding its position on a number of UNGA voting issues, including the International Law Commission. Tharman stated that in principle he saw no problem for Malaysia to support the U.S. candidate and he was optimistic Malaysia could vote in Matheson's favor, but a final decision remained pending.
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